Grants to NGOs in Madhya Pradesh

†2545. SHRI NARAYAN SINGH KESARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of NGOs working in tribal areas of Jhabua and Mandala in Madhya Pradesh and getting grants from Government; and

(b) the amount of grant provided by Government to each of them annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Following NGOs working in the tribal areas of Jhabua and Mandala have been given grant-in-aid under various schemes of this Ministry:

Name of the NGO	Grant-in-aid released (Rs. in Lakh)		
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Society for Assisting the Handicapped and Rehabilitating Absolutely, Jhabua	1.82	6.19	2.61
Indian Red Cross Society, Jhabua	-	1.04	2.12
District Red Cross Society, Jhabua	-	-	0.85
Indian Red Cross Society, Jhabua	-	-	10.00
Seema Silayee Kadhayee Prashikshan Kendra, Mandala	5.54	4.09	5.71
Ankur Sanskar Avam Shiksha Utthar Samiti, Mandala	2.48	2.56	1.28

Beggar rackets in major metropolis

2546. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the investigation reports telecast by the CNN, IBN TV news channel since 28th July, 2006 revealing evil

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nexus of mafia and medical professionals in running beggar rackets in major metropolis who amputate healthy limbs of poor people and place them at vantage points in cities for begging;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of the actions initiated, if any, in follow-up of the revelations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) The details of the case are being collected.

Facilities for disabled persons

2547. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken under chapter 8 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities Protection of Rights and full Participation) Act, 1995 for installation of audio signals at red lights in the public roads, creating curb cuts and slopes in pavements for easy access of wheelchair users and engraving the surface of Zebra crossing for the blind and those with low vision and similar infrastructure at ATMs etc.;

(b) whether civic agencies work in reverse order and create obstacles for these persons by raising the height of footpath and central verge on the roads disproportionately; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) The Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 stipulates that the appropriate Government and the local authorities shall within the limits of their economic capacity and development provide for installation of auditory signals at the red lights and engraving on the surface of the zebra crossing on the public roads for the benefit of persons with visual impairment and causing curb cuts and slopes to be made in pavements for the easy access to wheelchair users. The term "appropriate governments", has been defined in Section 2(a) of the Act to include the Central Government as well as State Governments and the local authorities. Implementations